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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA OPPOSES PROPOSED RUSSIAN DRAFT OF OSCE
"CHARTER"

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Classified By: Economic Unit Chief Phillip R. Nelson for reasons 1.4
(b) and (d).

¶1. (C) On June 1, EconUnit Chief met with Margit Waestfelt, Austria's Head of the Permanent Mission to the OSCE, to present USG points in reftel regarding the Russian proposal for an OSCE "charter." Waestfelt said Austria agreed with the USG position that the experts group had a limited mandate to develop a convention establishing legal personality, legal capacity, and appropriate privileges and immunities for the OSCE. Waestfelt added that work on the convention was nearing completion and that injecting the Russian proposal into the process would be counterproductive.
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